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I strongly oppose the current MS/DOJ settlement.

I'm sure you've recieved plenty of standard replies, so I'll leave out
the things that I'm sure many others have already said. However, here
is a suggestion you probably haven't heard yet:

"Smallest useful unit"

  Microsoft must divide Windows into a set of "smallest useful
  components" (browser, kernel, shell, media player, etc), and attach
  a *single* price to each one. Any entity (businesses, OEMs,
  consumers, resellers) must be allowed to purchase any number of
  licenses for any combination of these components, paying only for
  the components licensed. Licenses must be transferrable and
  resellable. Interfaces between components must be fully and
  publicly documented.

  The Windows source code should be made available under NDA to a few
  leading computer science universities (I suggest Carnegie Mellon,
  MIT, Berkeley, CalTech, Stanford, and UW), whose expert faculty
  will be responsible for determining if Microsoft has artificially
  made components interdependant, and if the inter-component
  interfaces are sufficiently documented.

Thank you for your time.

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